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SUBJECT: IAEA ADVISORY GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT OF NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY

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1. PARA 3 REFTEL NOTED THAT AGENCY HOPED TO ORGANIZE AN ADVISORY GROUP (UNDER PRESENT AGENCY TERMINOLOGY, WOULD BE CALLED PANEL) MEETING TO BE HELD IN US DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10-14, 1975 IN ORDER TO UTILIZE SERVICES OF AGENCY INTERPRETERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE IN US FOR IAEA SYMPOSIUM ON LOW-LEVEL RADIATION DOSES IN CHICAGO DURING PRECEEDING WEEK AND WOULD REMAIN FOR USAEC SYMPOSIUM ON TRANSURANIUM NUCLIDES, WHICH AGENCY WILL COSPONSOR, DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17-21, 1975. REFTEL NOTED THAT SUBJECT FOR ADVISORY GROUP WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT WOULD PROBABLY FALL WITHIN SPHERE OF OF DIVISION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING BOTH SYMPOSIA.

2. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AN INFORMAL INQUIRY FROM CHIEF OF WASTE MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE DIVISION (CATLIN, US) AS TO WHETHER US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING PLANNED 1975 ADVISORY GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF NUCLEAR
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POWER INDUSTRY IN US DURING THAT WEEK.

3. CATLIN NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE THIRD OF A SERIES OF THREE RELATED ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS (DESCRIBED PARA J.109 OF AGENCY PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1975-80) DEALING WITH SAME GENERAL SUBJECT; FIRST TWO (WHICH WILL DEAL WITH (A) ASSESSMENT BY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS OF RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF EXPOSURE OF POPULATIONS TO RADIATION FROM WASTE DISCHARGES AND DISPOSALS, AND (B) APPLICATION OF COST/RISK BENEFIT ANALYSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AND RELATION TO WASTE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS) ARE PLANNED TO BE HELD IN VIENNA DURING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1975. THIRD MEETING ON IMPACT OF NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY WOULD COMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE PICTURE BEGUN WITH OTHER TWO.

4. CURRENT PLANS FOR THIS ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVE EMPHASIS ON ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ENTIRE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT OVER TIME PERIOD THROUGH YEAR 2000. AGENCY PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION BY 14-15 EXPERTS FROM AS MANY COUNTRIES.

5. IN EVENT US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING THIS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING, ALL USUAL CONDITIONS FOR HOSTSHIP OF AGENCY MEETING OF THIS TYPE AWAY FROM VIENNA WOULD APPLY, INCLUDING PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MEETING. CATLIN SUGGESTED THAT MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, BUT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ANY SUITABLE LOCATION PROPOSED BY USG. IF NOT IN WASHINGTON, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IT IS RELEVANT TO CONSIDER FACT THAT AGENCY STAFF INVOLVED WOULD BE IN CHICAGO DURING PRECEEDING WEEK AND ON WEST COAST FOLLOWING WEEK.

6. CATLIN STATED THAT ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE THREE ADVISORY GROUPS COULD BE HELD IN US, BUT THAT HE FELT THAT ONE HE WAS PROPOSING ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY HAD BROADEST INTEREST TO USG AT THIS TIME, AND THAT US WOULD PROBABLY THUS HAVE GREATEST INTEREST IN HOSTING IT. MISSION FULLY CONCURS AND CONSIDERS IT PROBABLY THAT IF HELD IN US, NUMBER OF OBSERVERS FROM INTERESTED AGENCIES OF USG COULD ATTEND (AS THEY COULD NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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IF IT WERE IN VIENNA) AT MINIMUM COST.

7. MISSION THEREFORE RECOMMENDS, SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION THAT FUNDS AND FACILITIES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COVER HOSTSHIP, THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO INDICATE TO CATLIN USG INTEREST IN HOSTING THIS ADVISORY GROUP IN US DURING WEEK IN QUESTION, AND TO INDICATE THAT FORMAL USG INVITATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING

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